

FISCAL NOTE

SB 779 - HB 877

March 27, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Directs the Tennessee Higher Commission, the Board of Trustees of the University of Tennessee and the Board of Regents to establish a uniform course numbering system for all public higher education institutions in Tennessee.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$37,788 One-Time FY03-04
 \$648,117 One-Time FY04-05
 \$169,600 Recurring FY04-05**

Estimate assumes:

- Creation of a committee, including a representative from each of the 19 Board of Regents institutions and 7 members from UT institutions.
- A minimum of 10 meetings will have to be conducted over the course of 18 months to develop the new system.
- System computer programmers will have to modify current systems to accommodate the change.
- The new system will require on-going project support and oversight.
- Individual institutions will be required to implement the modified system and ensure smooth transition.
- A crosswalk will have to be developed to ensure students receive credit for courses taken under the old course numbering system once the transition is complete.

Details of the estimate are as follows:

One-Time Costs

Meeting costs include meals, lodging, and travel in FY03-04 (prorated for first 12 months of an 18 month process)	\$ 37,788
One-time system programming costs will begin in FY04-05 and continue 2-3 years.	\$648,117

Recurring Costs

Ongoing project support includes one full-time professional for the Board of Regents and 3 full time professionals at the University of Tennessee	\$160,000
The academic committee would meet 2-3 times per year to make the necessary changes to the uniform system.	\$ 9,600

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director